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PRICE TWOPENCE.

HARRY BROOME, THE EX-CHAMPION.

Harry Broome, who at one time held the title of Champion of England, died on Thursday week at his residence, 30, Fifth-street, Soho. He had been for some time suffering from lung disease and dropsy, and was in his 30th year, having been born at Birmingham in 1826. Much of the fame of Harry Broome, as well as his introduction to the public arena, must be attributed to his more distinguished brother, Johnny, who brought him out at the age of 17, when he was matched with Fred Mason (the Bull Dog) for £50 a side, and beat him in thirty-nine rounds, occupying one hour and twenty-one minutes. At Northfleet, October 11, 1843. In the following year he was matched with Joe Rowe for £50 a side, and they fought eighty-one rounds in ninety minutes, at Greenwich, when the ring was broken and the fight postponed, after a disgraceful riot. The men met again at Ensham Common, near Oxford, when, after twenty-seven rounds, fifty-seven minutes, in which Rowe merely "made believe"—Johnny having made all "pleasant"—Harry was saluted conqueror. A Birmingham rivalry now brought a challenge from Ben Terry to young Harry, at 10st 4lb, and they met at Shrivensham, Wilts, on February 3, 1846, for a stake of £100. In the forty-ninth round a chain of foul was made; the referee, Mr. Price, of Birmingham, was afraid to give a decision; at last Harry received 45 to draw stakes. In 1851 the Tipton Slasher declared himself ready for a fresh match, which Johnny, for his unknown man, accepted. The day was fixed for September 29, 1851, and the Unknown, to the astonishment of everybody, was declared to be Harry. They met at Middenhall on the appointed day. The science of Broome enabled him to make some severe judgments upon the old one, but it was evident the strength and weight were too much for him, unless some accident should give him a turn in his favour. At length, in the fifteenth round, Broome fell on his knees, and the Slasher, letting go his right at the same moment, caught him a heavy blow just as he reached the ground. An appeal was instantly made to Peter Crawley, the referee, who ruled it a decided foul, and Broome was declared the winner. Harry now enjoyed the title of champion, and became a boniface at the Opera Tavern, Haymarket. In April, 1852, his title was challenged by Harry Orme, who, having twice defeated Aaron Jones and Nat Langham, was thought a fair candidate for the belt. The men met on April 18, 1853, for £250 a side, at Little Brandon, Norfolk. This was Broome's best fight. In 2 hours 18 min., after a punishing fight, Harry was hailed victor. After receiving the money for this affair, Broome was again matched with the Tipton Slasher, for £200 a side; but, after two deposits had been made, Harry forfeited. Broome and Paddock then made up a match, and on May 19, 1855, he was thrashed without a chance of turning the tide, in fifty-one rounds, occupying 1 hour and 3 min. The battle took place near Bentley, Suffolk, for a stake of £200 a side. We ought to have stated that Broome had previously forfeited £180 to Paddock, on February 29, 1855, and £10 on March 12, in the same year. From this time Harry devoted himself to the life of a sporting publican. He

kept a tavern for some time in Warblington-street, Portsmouth, then the Crown and Oakton in Little Russell-street, and of late years was known at most race meetings among the outside betting fraternity.

NEW GYMNASIUM IN LIVERPOOL.—LORD STANLEY ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

A limited company have just built in Liverpool, near the Philharmonic Hall, a huge gymnasium, one of the finest—if not the finest—in Europe. Under the direction of Mr. Hulley, the famous gymnast,

the building has been fitted up with all the most recent improvements, and novelties, and already the number of subscribers exceeds 500, and with a constant daily accession of fresh members. The formal opening was fixed for the 30th of October, under the presidency of Lord Stanley, but owing to the Knowsley festivities it was postponed until Monday evening. Lord Stanley, in a very long and excellent address, made the following pertinent remarks: In proceeding to open this gymnasium, which I believe to be in point of size, of arrangements, and of its fittings, one of the most perfect yet established anywhere in Europe, I need not trouble you with more than a few introductory words. You probably know its history as well as I do. You know that in the main it owes its existence to the energy and perseverance of one townsman of yours, I mean our friend, Mr. Molloy. It was mainly by his efforts, aided by those of a few supporters as zealous as himself, that the requisite sum of £10,000 was raised for its construction. That it will pay its way I think you have every reason to expect from the very brief statement of facts which I shall give. The total cost has been under £14,000, of which £10,000 has been raised by shares, and the remaining £4,000 by a mortgage on the building. The yearly expenses, including interest, are calculated not to exceed £1,000, and since the returns for the first six months are £700, with arrangements hardly completed and the whole plan still untried, I think there is no reasonable doubt of the institution being self-supporting. Every medical man, and every one who has studied sanitary matters, knows that life passed within four walls during the week, with only the variety of a walk on Saturdays and Sundays, will very seldom be a healthy life in the true sense. For by "healthy" we mean not the mere capacity to go through an ordinary day's work, but that state in which existence itself is felt to be an enjoyment. Then our climate is damp and dull, our streets are not attractive, and perhaps one of the least entertaining of human occupations is that which is called "taking a constitutional" on the high road. There is also the expenditure of time. An establishment like this gives exercise in a concentrated form; and its rooms will be open—will probably be most frequented—in the evening; that is, at the time of day when, during several months in the year, out-door nature, especially in the town, is not very agreeable. So much I have to say of the uses of this building. Only one word more. I do not fear that support will be wanted. Those who have watched the progress of the movement tell me that, among the young men who take to these exercises, many do so with a kind of enthusiasm which is quite remarkable to witness. Still, I find no fault with that. We all like to see men take up a thing in earnest, whether it be work or play. But to those who are keenest about it I would offer one word of warning. Recollect that it is a thing that may be easily overdone. Do not ride a hobby too hard! The object—the national object of a training of this kind is not to make athletes out of men who have not to live by their muscles, but to develop round and healthy and manly constitutions. His lordship concluded by expressing an earnest wish for the success of the institution.



THE LATE HARRY BROOME, EX-CHAMPION OF ENGLAND.

(From a Photograph by Newbold.)

SWIMMING.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

The season of 1864 has terminated with every assurance of success. Much of late has been written in the gratification of swimming, which obviates more than passing attention to the subject, although its manifest qualities cannot possibly be too much discussed or commented on by the public. The fulcrum of natation is solid in its basis and no other British sport should be more encouraged in by the community; it is useful and possesses peculiar traits which might be still more effectively developed by steady application and perseverance. The Tyne not so many years back was one of the slowest ports in the Kingdom for agitating the promotion of swimming, and was meagrely considered and scarcely more than six or eight summers ago since the spell was partly broken, and the youthful residents on both sides of the river turned into small hands to plunge and dip in the muddy water which increase of commerce and stable pastimes have rendered famous. Very little then was known of swift, ornamental or side swimming, that is to a practical extent these attainments were in a rough cast state, and perhaps suited the learner as much as the polished tuition of the present day. After the completion of the Northumberland Baths, which are suitable in many instances, and the extreme reverse in other swimming was much followed, many capital swimmers being turned out by Mr. Poulton and Mr. James Grant, who were qualified in the art and held in respect by the public. Mr. William Walker, formerly of London, but now a naturalised Tyne-dweller, then took the opportunity, was about four years ago, and since that date the sport or recreation, as it may be, has extended so greatly that Newcastle is virtually unequalled North of Mason-street, if indeed it is excelled by that great commercial town or any other town in England excepting the metropolis. It would be perhaps unadvisable to describe all the details of which have come under the eye during the term of Mr. Walker's premiership, but the fact cannot be overlooked that he has done the country an essential service for which we trust he has been sufficiently recompensed. The organisation of the Newcastle Swimming Club, which was mainly due to the discretion and judgment of the learned secretary, Mr. John Williams, was the next important feature; from an insignificant state it has rapidly prospered, and the talent usually displayed by the large number of members, we have very rarely seen equalled. The club, we understand, is entirely self-supporting, but occasionally an annual scale is made to defray the cost of the excellent prizes which are competed for annually, either in the large plunge bath, or in the Tyne opposite the Meadows House. The greatest of these galas was held during the present year at the latter place; the principal trophy was a beautiful silver challenge cup, which was won by the Captain of the Club, Mr. Thomas Pape. It had been mooted to offer a massive cup, open to all amateurs in England, but lack of support necessitated a withdrawal of the project. Might we not venture those gentlemen patrons, who have M.P. and Esq. attached to their names, for unobscured the various aquatic made publicly and privately by the Secretary? Only one came to the rescue, named Joseph Cowen, jun., Esq., who, without demur, subscribed a couple of guineas; the others were shamefully disrespectful, and inconsiderately due to an appeal made for such a noble and portable object; but they were solicited for contribution for some silly foolish matter then the refusal would have been justifiable, but the claim of natation is world wide, and alike useful to youths and adults of both sexes in this or any other nation. Perhaps more consideration will be shown during the next season. We may mention a few more gentlemen who contributed to the purchase of the cup won by Mr. Pape: Mr. Baird £2 2s; Mr. Thomas Pickett (President of the N.S.C.), £1 1s; Mr. Curry, 10s. 6d.; Mr. G. West, 10s. 6d.; Mr. J. Bignall, 10s. 6d.; Mr. R. Winter, 10s. 6d.; Mr. French, Meadows House, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Pape, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Benson, Dean-street, 10s. 6d.; and other gentlemen smaller sums. The progress displayed by the members of the club has been observable in many important instances during the season, and the various competitions which have taken place under Mr. Williams's supervision cannot be too favourably chronicled; for ability we may mention Messrs. Pape, Smith, Benson, Taylor, the two Bagnalls, Sanderson, Jones, Brammen, Triggs, and many others, equally as meritorious, but whose names escape our remembrance. On Tuesday evening last a full meeting was held at the Club House, when it was resolved to wind up the season on the 15th inst. The usual supper will be held. On this night, we are most pleased to notice, Mr. Williams will be presented with a substantial testimonial for his talents as Secretary. A fair sum has been subscribed, but we think the matter has not been much too close by the promoters of the pleasing object. All we can say is that the project is essentially appropriate, and considering Mr. Williams's voluntary services to the club on all occasions, he highly deserves the compliment. The manner in which Mr. Walker, swimming Master, has conducted and closed the season is beyond doubt; he is the most qualified tutor who has officiated in Newcastle, and for promptitude, affability, and gentlemanly conduct we can again recommend him to those of our readers who mayhap have sons, or are themselves ignorant of the benefits and benefits of natation. We believe this is Mr. Walker's fourth season, and it is assuredly gratifying that he has had a steady increase of pupils each consecutive year, and that the present season has been the most lucrative of the whole. This argues well for the North, and the qualifications of the tutor. During the past season Mr. Walker has made many first-class swimmers even of the tender years of eight and upwards. We may mention Little Price, of Blenheim-street, scarcely nine years of age, who, after a few weeks' careful training, was complimented highly by us and the local press for his extraordinary qualities. We might cite other cases, which, however, all tend to the common opinion of Mr. Walker's careful method of teaching, and his signal success as a professor. We may hint that Mr. Walker is now the host of the Dolphin Refreshment Bar, 8, Northumberland-street. In his latter position he uses as a landlord, and his good things which we have often tasted (this in parenthesis please), must recommend themselves. Civility is becoming everywhere, and it cannot be better obtained than from the host of the Dolphin. Country visitors are requested to apply, Irish not objected to. To close, swimming was never more flourishing in Newcastle, and we have reason to anticipate that soon it will result in the friendly swim between north and south for the premiership of the two rivers. May such result at an early date we very much desire.

CANINE.

MANCHESTER.

ROYAL OAK PARK.—About 160 admirers of the pastime assembled within this enclosure, on Friday last, to witness a race of 200 yards, for £20, between J. Todd's Fan of Netherton, and Low's Fan of Newcome. Mr. James Holden, mine host of the White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester, filled the double office of stakeholder and referee. On being weighed, it was found that Fan was entitled to a start of 5 yds 5 in. Todd's Fan was a side, Brimble, who was at 6 to 4, and after a good race Fan was declared the winner by 14 yds.

COPSEHEADS GROUNDS.—R. Forrester's Luce of Salford, and R. Cooper's Tip of Bury, were matched to run 200 yds here for £10 a side, Lill receiving. To come off inside, (Saturday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. Referee and stakeholder, Mr. James Holden, of Manchester.

BIRMINGHAM DOG SHOW.

The sixth annual Dog Show will be held at Couron Exhibition Hall, Stafford-street (a building recently erected for the purpose), on November 27 and three following days, commencing on Monday, and Poultry Shows. The entries were closed last week, they comprise 750 animals, divided into eighty-five classes, as will be seen by the following analysis of the catalogue:—

DIVISION 1.—Sporting dogs, 400 pounds, dogs 12, bitches 7; deerhounds, dogs 15, bitches 6; greyhounds, dogs 12, bitches 7; pointers, dogs 40 both sexes. Other hounds, dogs 12, bitches 7; foxes, dogs 3, bitches 3; fox terriers, dogs 28, bitches 28; pointers (large size, champion class), dogs 4, bitches 5; pointers (large size), dogs 14, bitches 6; pointers (medium size), dogs 30, bitches 15; pointers (small size)

champion class) dogs 4, bitches 2; pointers (small size), dogs 15, bitches 17; pointers, puppies 12; English setters (champion class), dogs 4, bitches 5; English setters, dogs 18, bitches 14; setters (black and tan champion class), dogs 2, bitches 2; setters (black and tan), dogs 12, bitches 11; Irish setters (champion class), dogs 1, bitches 0; Irish setters, dogs 8, bitches 8; setters, puppies 8; retrievers, curly coated, dogs 19, bitches 12; retrievers, smooth or wavy coated, dogs 15, bitches 12; retrievers, puppies 6; Irish spaniels, dogs 7, bitches 6; water spaniels, dogs 7, bitches 3; clumber spaniels, dogs 13, bitches 8; spaniels, large size, dogs 30, bitches 13; spaniels, small size, dogs 3, bitches 2; spaniels, puppies, 8; an extra class for any known breed of Foreign sporting dogs, 4.

DIVISION 2.—Dogs not used in field sports, mastiffs 11, Newfoundland 11, sheep dogs 6, bull dogs (champion class), dogs 2; bull dogs, dogs 11, bitches 9; bull terriers (large size) 21, bull terriers (small size) 11, smooth haired terriers 21, black and tan terriers 29, skye terriers 10, Danes 11, Blenheim terriers 13, pomeranians 7, pugs 7, Italian greyhounds 5, Maltese 1, Blenheim spaniels 3, King Charles spaniels 3, toy terriers 20, toy terriers (broken haired) 7. An extra class for any breeds of foreign dogs of large size not used for field sports 13. An extra class for any breeds of foreign dogs of small size not used for field sports 4. The prizes, including cups and money, amount to nearly £700. There is a considerable increase of animals this year over the last.

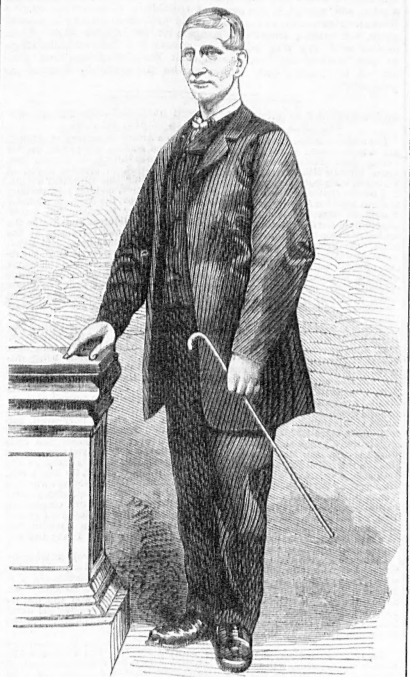
AGRICULTURAL.

THE RINDERPEST.

(To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.")

Sir,—Believing every scrap of information respecting this dreadful plague to be of importance, beg to copy and insert the following extracts from "The Country Housewife's Family Companion," a very quaintly written volume, by W. Ellis, "a farmer of thirty years' experience," resident at Little Gaddesden, near Hampstead, Herts. The book, which I believe to be scarce, was published at Salisbury in 1790.

"The best remedy, perhaps, that ever was found out for curing cows of the murrain; or a famous cure made on a butcher's cow that was seized with the murrain distemper at Little Gaddesden.—On the 29th of November, 1746, Mr. Edward Thorne, a butcher at Little Gaddesden,



NED EVANS, the Pugilist, of Antwerp, near Manchester.

bought two fat cows to kill (for about this time they were very cheap, because many beasts were sold in apprehension that the fatal murrain would seize and kill them, which in this time ranged in Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, and in some other adjacent counties), but finding them in calf, he resolved to keep them for milk cows, and they went on very well till the 5th of December following, when one of them fell ailing seized with the murrain or plague which made him grate her teeth, run at the eyes, hang down her head, scour and would not eat. Upon this the butcher first blooded her on each side of the neck, made her horse-hair and tow twisted together, with horse turpentine. Then he made a drink with half a pint of gin, a pint of ale, with an eggshell full of fine wood soil, 10z. of the flower of mustard, and two eggs mashed with half a pint of ale. This drink he gave her out of a horn, and at every two hours' end some thin malt mash out of a horn with a very thin malt mash standing before her, that she might drink of the liquor of it, for he gave her no water, and he answered the intent; for in about eight or forty hours' time this drink and one more knif her by altering her scouring, and caused her to dung thickish, and in two days more she kicked up her heels and was perfectly well, and what was very surprising, the other cow that was kept in the same yard all the while was not infected, for the butcher was afraid to take the well one away lest he should give offence to his neighbours by endangering their cows. This account for this disease the butcher is of opinion that the murrain and other hot ingredients throw out the distemper by sweating the beast, and told me he came by this receipt accidentally, as he bought cattle of a Leicestershire grazier, who declared to him that this medicine had saved of one man's cows twenty out of two-and-twenty that were seized with the murrain distemper. The parts where the wheels are fixed will swell much, but in their run the wheels will swell and draw the fever out of the cow's head. And it is my humble opinion, that there was never a better remedy ever found out than this for the cure of the murrain, because here are several operations performed on the cow's body at once, both inwardly and outwardly, which gives her two chances for her life; if the wheels run, we say there is no great danger of the cow's doing otherwise, as it is a side, Brimble, who was at 6 to 4, and after a good race Fan was declared the winner by 14 yds.

the distemper among the horned cattle has raged violently, and comes recommended by a very able physician.—Take tar and flower of brimstone, of each half a pound; oil of turpentine, four ounces; assafoetida, two drachms. Mix all together, and with a painter's brush do the nose and muzzle of the cow night and morning.

I remain, Sir, yours truly,

D. M. STEVENS.

Guldford, Nov. 7.

THE LONDON FARMERS' CLUB.—On Monday evening the first meeting of this influential club since its location at the Salisbury Hotel, was held in the great room of that building. The chair was taken by Mr. Robert Leeds, the eminent Norfolk farmer, and the subject for discussion—the cattle plague—was introduced by Mr. Charles Howard, of Biddenden, Bedford. He first noticed the history and nature of the disease, and its recent appearance in this country. He then proceeded to treat of the curative, remedial, and preventive means. He spoke of what the farmers themselves could do and had done to arrest and extirpate the disease, and concluded by giving his views of what should be done by Government in this and any future outbreak of the murrain. His opinion was that all markets and fairs should be suspended for a certain time, and that wherever the disease appeared in any parish or township all ingress and egress should be stopped in that parish or township, and probably the surrounding places. He also advised that an inventory be taken of all animals in infected parishes by Government inspectors, who should be required to make an inspection weekly; and that the police should be charged with the duty of seeing that the regulations as to traffic are carried out. He considered that the adoption of more rigorous measures would be fraught with the greatest inconvenience to the farmer and the public, and would indeed paralyse the whole cattle trade of the country. He maintained, and adduced proofs, that the plague was a contagious disease, and an imported one; but at the same time deprecated any attempt to interfere with the importation of foreign cattle, remarking that no thinking man in these days would wish to obstruct the free supply of the people's food. He however contended that the Government were bound to use all precautionary measures to protect the English farmer from danger by infection of foreign cattle. Professor Simonds followed Mr. Howard, and spoke at great length, agreeing generally with the views enunciated by the introducer of the subject. An animated discussion followed, and the business of the meeting was terminated by the customary vote of thanks.

A report that the Cattle Plague Commission recommend the immediate summoning of Parliament, to enable the agricultural body to make known their wants, was mentioned by Mr. Hodgson, M.P., at a meeting in Carlisle on Saturday.

Dr. Crisp has been experimenting upon himself whether the flesh of beasts infected by the cattle plague is dangerous to those who eat it, by dining off beefsteaks cut from animals in which the disease was fully developed, and has even eaten portions of the heart of such animals without experiencing any evil result.

REVIEW.

FUN (Vol. I, New Series) and FUN ALMANAC.—We have received the first batch of the new series of "Fun" elegantly bound in magenta and the "Fun Almanac for 1866." Under the editorial management of Mr. T. Hood, this periodical has made rapid progress, and, turning over its wonderfully well illustrated pages, we are inclined to pronounce it the best comic publication of the day. Its letter-press is always graceful and pleasant, and there is none of that ostentatious nonsense about it which characterises its older and very powerful rival. The cartoons engraved by Dalziel, are excellent, and "J. T." and "J. B." are artists possessing a real humour and exquisite grace. The Almanac, printed magnificently on toned paper, is a capital two-pennyworth, and will bear comparison with any issued by Punch, in the palmiest days of John Leech. For the female figures alone the publication is worth at least six times the price charged for it.

TROTTING.

BIRMINGHAM.

A match for £50, between Mr. G. Clarke, of Birmingham, and Mr. D. Taylor, of Wolverhampton, was decided on Friday last in the Wolverhampton district. The distance was one mile, which was chosen from the fifth mile stone from Wolverhampton to the road to Stafford to the fourth mile stone homeward, including two bridges. The meet took place at the Ball Inn, Crown Heath, and at least 1,500 spectators assembled to witness this exciting race. Mr. Clarke's horse, The Shifnal Lass, 16 years, 15 hands high, and Mr. Taylor's bay in Lucy, aged 15½ hands, were the competitors. The choice of saddle or harness was left open but was finally decided in favour of the former, and at 2.30 the horses were on the mark, ready for the start. The Shifnal Lass, mounted by A. G. Gold, a celebrated Birmingham jockey, and Lucy by Bob Hayes, of Walsall, of equal fame. Some lively betting took place at 6 to 4 and at last 2 to 1 on the Birmingham mare. After some little restlessness the start was made; they got off well together, but at the first bridge, about one quarter distance, Lucy broke badly and the Shifnal Lass drew gradually away, many unnecessary strokes twice afterwards whilst The Shifnal Lass continuing her lead went straight ahead and won easily by nearly 100 yards. Mr. Hawkins, of Wednesbury, was the chosen referee, Mr. J. Ward, of Birmingham, officiated as umpire for Clarke, and Mr. Pelton, of Wolverhampton, for Mr. Taylor. The time of the winner in going the distance was 3 min 13 sec. An objection was made to the identity of The Shifnal Lass, but it was overruled.

PEDESTRIANISM.

MATCHES TO COME.

NOVEMBER.

- 11.—Rogers & 440 yards Handicap—£20, Brompton.
- 11.—Muir and Urwin—200 yards, £25 a side, Stonefield Recreation Grounds, Glasgow.
- 11.—Spence and Webster—200 yards, £10 a side, Royal Oak, Manchester.
- 11.—F. Burns to run 10 miles and jump 9 hurdles in one hour, £5 a side, Strathclyde, Glasgow.
- 11.—Jacobs and Jenner—to walk two miles, £5 a side, open for £10 a side, Prince of Wales Ground, Bow.
- 11.—Fleet and Walling—300 yards, £10 a side and a cup, Moss Rose Grounds, Macclesfield.
- 11.—Bear and Watts—120 yards, £5 a side, Prince of Wales Ground, Bow.
- 11.—Graham and Gough—120 yards, £5 a side, Green Style Park, near Lilldale.
- 11.—Jones and Rees—400 yards, £10 a side, Rieca, Wales.
- 11.—Goodall and Whitty—100 yards, £20 a side, High Park, Fenton.
- 11.—Graham and Gough—100 yards, £5 a side, Brimble, who was at 6 to 4, and after a good race Fan was declared the winner by 14 yds.
- 11.—Haydon and Stapleton—three miles, £15 a side, Capenhaston Grounds, Manchester.
- 11.—Knapton and Littlewood—100 yards, £10 a side, Green Style Park, near Lilldale.
- 11.—Alincow and Heart—to jump, for £10 a side, Royal Oak Ground, Manchester.
- 20.—Messrs. Ellis and Hitchen—200 yards, £200 a side, within 50 miles of Manchester and Chester.
- 20.—Graham and Homer—120 yards, £5 a side, Wall Heath Grounds, near Dudley.
- 20.—Budden and Ford—400 yards, Budden taking £15 to £12, West London Grounds, Brompton.
- 20.—Boswell and Gough—120 yards, £10 a side, Arboretum, Worcester.
- 23, 24.—Messrs. Darley and Hatfield's All England 230 yards handicap, £50, Hyde Park, Sheffield.

DECEMBER.

- 1.—Jones and Thomas—440 yards, £30 a side, Canon Common, near Cardiff.
- 1.—Blood and Taylor—130 yards, £50 a side, Royal Oak Grounds, Manchester.

BROMPTON.

SATURDAY.—Went London Grounds.—A three miles walking match came off between Mr. Walter Rye, the winner of an amateur race on the previous Saturday, and gentleman known to the public by the sobriquet of Mr. Barrow. The latter agreed to give Mr. Rye one lap (a quarter of a mile) start, and the horse of contention was stated to be a silver cup. Betting £100 to £100 on Mr. Rye, who was attended, while Mr. Barrow was coached by Wild, of Covent-garden. As the ground is exactly a quarter of a mile in circumference,

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POULTRY AND PIGEONS.

* Secretaries will render us a service if they will send, or cause to be sent, early accounts of shows, &c., as we are most desirous to make this department of our paper as perfect as possible.

FORTHCOMING POULTRY SHOWS.

NOVEMBER.

- 15.—Chelmsford and Essex. Hon. Sec., Fred. H. Meggy, Chelmsford. Entries close November 7th.
 28 to 30.—Birmingham. Sec., Mr. J. B. Lythall, 13, Temple-street, Birmingham. Entries close November 1st.
 28 and 30.—Hampshire Ornithological Association (Southampton), (Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits). Hon. Sec. Mr. T. Warren. Entries close November 16th.
 29, 30, and December 1.—York (Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits). Sec. Mr. John Watson, Lendal Bridge. Entries close November 9th.
 30 and December 1.—Brighton. Hon. Sec., Mr. Edward Carpenter, 36, St. James's-street, Brighton. Entries close November 4.

DECEMBER.

- 6, 7, and 8.—Northern Counties (Darlington). Hon. Sec., Mr. John Hodgson, Horsemarket, Darlington.
 12 to 15.—Leeds (Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits). Sec., Mr. John Swales, Hunslet-road, Leeds.

THE FANTAIL.

It appears tolerably certain that the fantail breed originated in the peninsula of Hindostan. Pigeons have always been great favourites with the inhabitants of the East—not only among the princes and ladies of the court, but with the common people also. Even within the last few years many very superior specimens of the fantail have been brought to England from India by the sailors. These recently imported specimens differ from the English-bred birds by the possession of a slight tuft at the back of the head, resembling that of a rufous with a pointed crown; and although they are superior in tail to the English breed, they are destitute of that elegant, swan-like carriage of the neck, that adds so much grace to our native birds. At their first importation some of our pigeon judges refused to award prizes to the Indian birds; but at present they hold their own in competition, and take their fair share of the prize money. The principal property in the fantail is the extraordinary development of the quill feathers of the tail, and the mode in which the tail itself is carried. The normal number of feathers in the tail of all the varieties of pigeons is fourteen; in the fantail the number often approaches forty. In order to constitute a good fantail, the tail must be carried over the back, being brought well forward. If the tail is carried horizontally the beauty of the bird is entirely lost; on the other hand, it should not be thrown forward so far as to rest upon the body. If the tail is well carried, the fuller the better; but in a show-pen a well-carried tail of thirty feathers is always more effective than a badly carried one of thirty-eight or forty. The tail of the fantail is often compared with that of the peacock; but in fact it differs from it most essentially. In the latter bird it is the tail-coverts or lower back feathers that are raised and constitute the gaudy appendage of the bird, the true tail-quills merely serving as strong props to support the train when erected. In the fantail pigeon, however, it is the quills of the tail which are erected.

One curious result follows, from the multiplication of the quills—namely, the total obliteration of the uropigium, or oil-gland of the tail, with the contents of which birds are popularly supposed to oil their feathers. The neck of the Fantail should be long, slender near the head, and curved in a swan-like manner. A thickly-feathered neck—such as is found in all the Indian birds—is a great drawback to their elegance. The neck is constantly moved in a peculiarly tremulous manner, which gave rise to the old name of "broad-tailed shakers," formerly bestowed on the breed. In size the Fantail should

be small and *petite*. The colour varies greatly; whites are the most frequent, but very good blacks and blues sometimes make their appearance at the shows. By crossing, various colours may be produced. Some years ago I had a good pair of reds with white tails; and I have lately seen a good pair of the same colour, but with slaty tails. There is no doubt but that some very pretty varieties would reward the fancier who would devote a few years to raising new colours in this breed. With regard to the merits of the different points in this breed, I would suggest that the following value be placed upon them, namely: Tail 5; neck 3; carriage 3; colours 2; size 2; total, 15. This would be giving full value to the number of feathers in the tail, and, I think, would be a fair distribution of the points of merit.



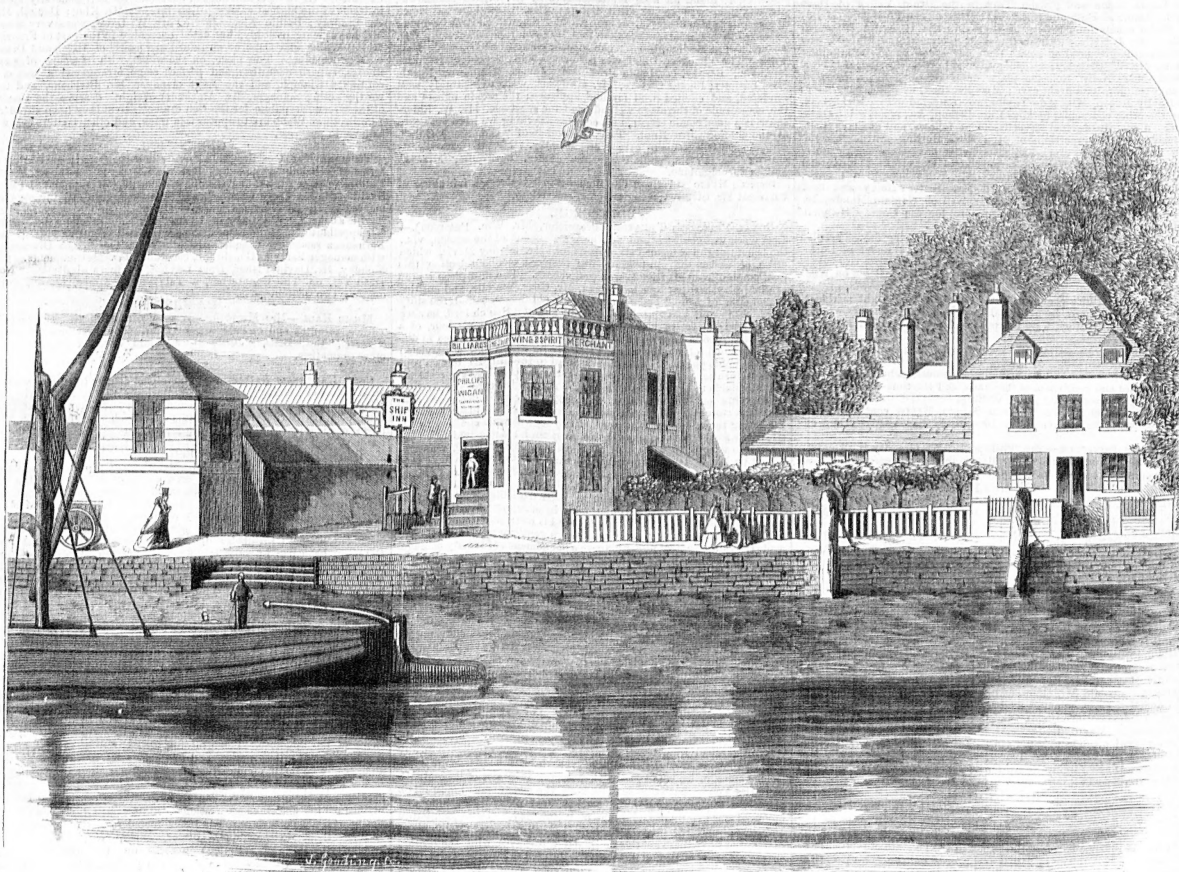
MR. A. OSMOND, Proprietor of the Cremorne Pleasure Gardens, Bath

REARING CHICKENS ARTIFICIALLY.

As I consider that I was successful in rearing a stock of eight dozen chickens with very little trouble or expense, and as I owe the attempt to do so to having read the discussions on the subject in your Journal last winter, I think that I ought to say a few words in acknowledgment of my success. Being only a half-believer I did not incur much expense in the matter, merely procuring a stout box made with the lid on hinges and close fitting, cut on a slope like a melon-frame, one half of the lid only being glazed, and there was a hole in the side, with a sliding door. In this box I put two low stools with a thick fleecy top, for artificial mothers, and I placed the box close beside a large spare garden-frame, which stood on dry ground. I had the chickens close to my flower-frames, and looked after them chiefly myself. This frame, to which I admitted them at pleasure by drawing the slide, answered for their covered run or "day room," till they were a few weeks old, when I used to allow my pets to take a run in the garden, several times a day. It was quite curious to see how fond they became of the frame, and how they used to flock to me from all sides to be let in, and to bask on the warm gravel under the glass. I took each chick from the hen the day it was hatched. I had not one sickly or drooping chicken the whole summer. The advantages I found in this system, even trying it in a small way, were these: First, they did not cost in feeding nearly so much as when carelessly fed in the fowl-yard, where stronger fowls, dogs, &c., robbed them of their milk and food. Secondly, they thrived quicker and feathered better a great deal, from getting the full share of that food appointed for them, as well as from the genial and uniform warmth of the frame, instead of being often weary and wet when cooped by the hen to walk about all day through grass and elsewhere. Thirdly, I found the hens lose so little in condition by merely twenty-one days sitting (being well fed once every day), that they laid and hatched a second time early in summer. These advantages ought to make the system worth a trial, even by those who might not count it, as I did, an amusement.—A SUBSCRIBER.

DUCK-FOOT IN GAME.

Whatever may be the opinion of your readers with regard to the Poultry Club, and its management, there can be no doubt that the publication of a "Standard of Excellence," by a body composed chiefly of extensive breeders of almost all the varieties of fowls, must be of very great use to exhibitors. When any one takes to fowls as a hobby, and in order to make his hobby more attractive breeds for exhibition, he is probably at first entirely ignorant of the points most necessary to insure success. To such a tyro a "standard of excellence" is of great value, and has long been a desideratum. There is another advantage. The difference of opinion with regard to the most valuable points in fowls must produce discussion, when the assertion of a standard calls it forth. As an example, let us instance the



valuable paper which the discussion on the "duck-foot" in Game fowls has drawn from Mr. Hewitt, I never saw a more lucid or truly useful essay. In that paper, the question whether this deformity is hereditary or not is fairly discussed, and Mr. Hewitt supplies facts which seem conclusively to prove that it is so. Should other observers be able to produce similar facts, there can be no doubt about the propriety of making the possession of such a deformity a cause of disqualification. In the "Standard of Excellence" it is clearly laid down that the face of a Spanish fowl should be free from folds and wrinkles, and that any corrugation of the face which prevents a bird from seeing is a disqualification; yet, how often do we see prizes awarded to cocks which are blind, or must be so in time; to hens with such coarse faces that it is impossible that they can produce cocks free from this troublesome defect. Every breeder of Spanish fowls knows how useless such cocks become, and that nothing but a cruel mutilation can make them able even to feed themselves. Such birds are generally useless as brooding stock after their first year. Surely such a deformity, which is decidedly hereditary, should invariably disqualify its possessor.—S. P.

WHITE SPANISH FOWLS.

In a recent issue of one of your contemporaries are some remarks on white Spanish fowls, which, I think, ought not to pass unchallenged.

claims to be more largely bred and patronised. One writer describes them as being "very precocious" and my experience for the last three years proves that they are so; for having bred Dorkings, Game, Poland, Hamburgs, and Black Minorcas, the White Spanish pullets have all commenced laying at from four to six weeks younger than either of the other breeds. Many persons near Torquay keep the White Spanish, and all agree that they are very early and very good layers. They were first brought here by Mr. Tordiffe, who purchased a splendid prize pen, and I do not think any new blood has been introduced for the last five years; but I have now secured a cockerel and pullet from Mr. H. Leworthy, who purchased Miss Northcote's celebrated stud, and in another year I hope to hear my White Spanish crowing victory in the "any other variety" class at some of our best shows.—CHAS. DRAKE.

(To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.")

Sir,—I observed with very great concern the letter of "J. B." in your impression of the 4th inst., in reference to the disease in poultry. I can answer you I have suffered very severely from it. The symptoms exactly coincide with "J. B.'s" statement, like-wise having the advantage of the country air, green fields, and a plentiful supply of fresh water. Nevertheless, both old and young suffer alike, but es-

pecially new comers, which generally quit mortality in about ten or twelve days. Some of your readers may doubtless be able to render some information, and may be a remedy, which will be thankfully received by, your constant subscriber,

G. AMATEUR.

places can then also be made square, and they should be nine or ten inches inside. The other shapes are not so commodious on account of the nests all going off to a point towards the centre of the cot. We would recommend in preference a loft over the stable, and the entrance to the southward may be made as ornamental as you please.

TURBIT PIGEONS WITH MOUSTACHES.—There is a breed of pigeons in Germany resembling Turbits having the moustache like the Trumpeter, and we have no doubt that breed originated in the mixture of those two varieties. The continental pigeon fanciers are very fond of making varieties by crossing and combining the different properties of various sorts in the same individuals. Thus they breed Jacobins with the addition of the moustache, Barbs with the ruff of the Turbit, Fantails with silky plumage, &c.

IMPORTANT FISHING CASE.—In the Court of Common Pleas, on Saturday last, a rule for a new trial was moved for in an important fishing case, "Knatt v. Harris," before Lord Chief Justice Erle and Justice Wiles, Byles, and Keating. The plaintiff in this case was lord of the manor of Little Linford, in Buckinghamshire, and the defendant was the freeholder of some land in the manor of Newport Pagnell. Between the two estates there was a piece of water, part of the river Ouse,



ADAM ISAACS MENKEN, the Eminent American Comedienne, of Astley's Theatre.

The statement is—They were always looked upon more as pets and eccentricities than anything else, and were not largely bred. They lacked the contrast that forms the chief beauty of the Spanish, black plumage, white face, and red comb. Now, as to their being bred as pets and eccentricities; if as pets, they are deservedly so, for who can look upon them with their glossy pure white plumage, bright red faces, and pendant combs, and deny that they are beautiful? They are very docile, and have the same proper respect for a fence and disinclination to trespass as Cockins. That next word "eccentricities," I do not half like, nor do I think white Spanish deserve it so much as black Spanish, for is not the chief beauty of black Spanish, the white face, as great an eccentricity as any point in any other breed? I trust that brother fanciers will pardon me for calling the white face of the black Spanish an eccentricity. I think that any distinct point in any breed should be called "a distinctive characteristic," not "an eccentricity." For instance, no fancier would call the top-knot and beard of the Polish "an eccentricity;" but I recollect showing my Poland to a non-fancying friend, when he exclaimed, "What eccentric fellows! If they were mine I'd have them shaved!" I will now endeavour to show that white Spanish fowls have other and greater

peculiarly new comers, which generally quit mortality in about ten or twelve days. Some of your readers may doubtless be able to render some information, and may be a remedy, which will be thankfully received by, your constant subscriber,

PIGEONS UNWELL.—If pigeons do not moult freely, it may be as well to alter their diet. Leave off the beans and barley for a time, and give wheat and buckwheat for a change. A little hempseed may assist them. Pigeons should be sheltered from the cold winds, and have access to water for bathing. As to canker in the mouth, it arises from an impure state of the blood, and is also infectious. See that the mice do not taint the food, that their water is clean, and let them have salt to peck.

stored with fish; and the question in the case was whether the exclusive right in this water belonged to the plaintiff. At the trial before the Lord Chief Baron at Aylesbury, the jury determined this question in favour of the plaintiff. Mr. Bulwer, Q.C., on the part of the defendant, moved for a rule for a new trial, and stated the following circumstances. The plaintiff's manor belonged in old times to a family named St. Leger, but they exchanged it with the Crown for some land, which had been the property of a dissolved monastery. Henry VIII. granted the manor to the Princess, afterwards Queen, Elizabeth, and also granted it to those under whom the plaintiff claimed. The plaintiff at the trial relied mainly upon the grant by Queen Elizabeth, which contained these words—"And all that our several water called 'Lynch water'—and upon a surety of the manor of Newport Pagnell, in the 6th of James I. which described the boundary of the manor as the 'South bank of the river called Lynch's river.'" The learned counsel argued at some length that these documents were by no means conclusive that the plaintiff had the sole right of fishing which he contended for. He further submitted that the Lord Chief Baron had not left to the jury some evidence of acts of ownership of the water by the defendant's predecessors.—Rule granted.

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ASSEMBLY ROOMS.—On Monday evening our worthy townsman, Mr. Japp, music-seller, gave a grand concert at the above rooms which was largely patronised by all grades of the community. The artists engaged were of first-class quality. Miss Blanche Reeves (soprano), Miss Fanny Edwards (alto), Mr. Breuner (tenor), and Mr. Harry Olsson (bass). The programme was large and varied, but we have not space to particularise, except to say the concert was a complete success, and we are glad to learn we may hope to have similar entertainments during the winter.

—VERROQUE.

LIVERPOOL.—The "King King" still retains possession of the stage at this house, and manages, although getting rather stale, to attract good audiences. Mr. Henry Sinclair as the O'Grady adds, by the geniality of his acting, to the favourable impression he had long ago made on the public. Mr. Cusack, Wyndham and Mr. Sullivan are all doing their best for the party, and Mr. Cusack, by his experience we have had of Mr. O'Sullivan and Miss Milly Palmer in these characters, we cannot express any admiration of the present impersonations. Mr. Cahill, as before, makes Mr. Michael Presant a very good deal of fun, and Mr. George Honey, as the prince of burlesque actors—Mr. George Honey, who is nowhere more popular than in Liverpool. His opening part was "King King" in

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE.—Mr. Sothorn enters on his second week here without any apparent falling off from the fulness of the preceding week's audiences.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.—Mr. W. H. Swanborough's Birmingham Company is now located in this building; but we cannot compliment him there on the excellence of his *corns*. Miss M. Oliver as Zuleika in the "Bride of Abydos," is of course the chief favourite, and she well deserves all the applause that is nightly lavished upon her efforts.

COLOSSEUM THEATRE.—"Nelly, or the Companions of the Chain," is still the leading attraction at this house.

ADELPHI THEATRE.—Mr. P. G. Dunbar the mulatto tragedian continues to delight and attract good houses.

SHREWSBURY ARMS CONCERT HALL.—This hall is doing a first class business, the chief attraction being Mr. Tom Rushton, comic vocalist, whose ability has gained him a host of admirers. Mr. J. Booth, tenor; Mr. J. Beech, baritone and buffo; Mr. Martin, and Mr. E. H. Bloor, solo pianist, whose selections upon the pianoforte are a great relish to the audience.

MANCHESTER.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Shakespeare's comedy of "As You Like It" was withdrawn on Wednesday evening. The comedy of "A Wonderful Woman" was exceedingly well played on Thursday evening. Miss Heath and Mr. John Nelson in the principal characters. Miss Dalton, in the character of the Duke of Malford, was very well supported by her attendant as Crepin; Randolph played an able representative in Mr. John Farrell, a very useful and painstaking actor, who has shown a marked improvement in all he has undertaken of late; nature has been bountiful of her gifts, and with a few years' study and experience this gentleman might rival the greatest of his profession. Byron's burlesque of "Donna Sannabala" was the only comedy of the evening. We postpone our remarks until our next. "Romeo and Juliet" was produced on Friday, with Miss Evelyn, of the French Academy, as Juliet. As it was this lady's *debut* on the English stage, an interesting performance was expected. Miss Dalton is announced to appear

PRINCEY.—THURSDAY, Mr. J. L. Toole appeared on Monday as Joseph Bright in "Through Fire and Water," and was ably supported by Miss Jones, Miss Radcliffe, and Messrs. Day, Dawhurst, and James Dixon. The "Birthplace of Rodgers," and "Ici on Parle Français" have been the concluding pieces, with Mr. Toole as Tom Cranky in the first, and as Mr. Sprigins in the last-named piece. The house has been crowded to overflowing each evening during Mr. Toole's engagement.

MIDDLESBORO'.
How frequently do we hear of people crying out that no entertainment has visited their town for months, but not so with us, for our modern town has been completely overrun with amusements, varying from a circus to a canary exhibition. On the 4th of the present month Mr. Newsome opened his circus for a short season, to a house crowded in every corner of the arena with children.

THEATRE ROYAL is now open, and is a monstrous building of extraordinary long dimensions, which is invariably well filled at cheap prices. The company is a very good one, each artist fulfilling his respective parts with credit.

SHIP CONCERT HALL.—The proprietor of this establishment has been on the alert, and has brought together a fair company, who are nightly well received.

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OLD FIELDS HALL.—Miss Poole, of meesmeric celebrity, has been located here during the past six evenings, exhibiting her wonderful powers to good houses, notwithstanding the amount of competition. The PRINCE OF WALES has dwindled into oblivion (we do not mean the original), but the concert-hall. How could it do otherwise when solely depending on native talent. We see by the local press two separate persons require tenders for building of new theatres. Is not this passing strange? alas, alas! for the population of 23,000.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Holt still sustain the parts of Giovanni and Stefano in the interesting drama, in one act, entitled "Love and Genius, or the Sculptor of Florence," and Silas Engelhart and Jessy Arnold, in the sensation piece of the "Mariner's Compass, or at Home and Abroad," written by Henry Leslie, Esq. These parts are excellently sustained, and the latter drama, "The latter part of the season will put on the boards, and the many beautiful and thrilling scenes side to especial advantage. It is unquestionably the highlight of the season. The stock company perform with entire satisfaction. Mr. C. Lester, as Augustus Brown, a London waiter, was immensely

good; he adds not a little to the success of the play. Mr. Fred Hastings, Mr. Lewis Willmott, in short the whole of the numerous actors, do play much more ability than is usually believed. The piece has received great praise, and has been successful. The two new songs, "The Song of the Song," sung by Miss Emily Carson and Miss Minnie Clifford; of their choice and skillful delivery we cannot speak too highly. The change met with considerable favour. These young ladies possess fine vocal powers, and are great favourites with the public. Miss Alice Attwell is a pretty modest damsel. Mr. and Mrs. Holt terminated their engagement last Saturday evening with a variety of popular songs. Mr. and Mrs. Attwell will appear for twelve nights, commencing on Monday the 20th.

OXFORD MUSIC HALL.—This central hall was liberally patronised, and on Monday, in fact every part was crowded to excess, which must be pleasing to the proprietors whose effort, to provide a first-class cheap entertainment is now so manifest. In all probably no provincial theatre can speak favourably of its audience, and no one who has seen the Oxford Music Hall can but be struck by the good nature and good cheer of the general, which tributes of respect we endorse. The programme styles itself her "the eminent soprano vocalist." She is an acquisition even to a first-class company. Mr. and Mrs. Haffie, with the sonbrinet of the Franny Company, are still in our favourites. Beyond compare they are the Liverpool musical couple, who sing with good taste and good voice. The beautiful era. In former criticisms we have spoken so liberally of their joint talents that our store of good things has almost run out, which even now we regret, seeing that their clever entertainments are so beautifully wrought and completed. They have something new nightly, and on Monday they were encorced to see. It is almost impossible to speak too favourably of their talents, and to judge. Mr. Ned Hammond will conclude to-night.

(Sturdily). He has our best wishes. He is a good singer and a splendid comedian. He has filled an engagement the brightest need be proud of. Mr. Hammond sang a new song on the political career and death of Lord Palmerston; the language and music are most expressive; and took very well indeed. I cannot say where Mr. Hammond next will appear, but I think it probable that he will visit the theatre on a first-class sentimental and comic singer. Miss Annie Cook, dancer, we consider, has improved since our last, and is favourably received. Mr. J. H. Milburn, Northern conique, is of the genuine school as well, and he is always very properly encoored. We could not suggest any other names, but we are sure that the programme will be well supplied with artists with, and dances splendidly; need we say more. The Misses Thorne, Lizzie, Kate, and Annie, dancers and vocalists, are all as charming and pleasing as before. Mr. W. Thompson, the Living Skeleton, No. 2, in "Parenthesis," is as comic as usual, and successful as ever. We are sure that the programme will be well supplied similar to the above. Consider for one moment the difficulties of the manager who had to bear the onerous duty of superintending and arranging the many merry scenes that serve to amuse and instruct. We have not, however, and it affords us unequalled pleasure to do so, the opportunity to express our warmest wishes for his energy, affability, and success in the discharge of his duties, which can be candidly

TYNE CONCERT HALL—There was a very good audience here on Monday evening. Miss Ada Charlton, serio-comic and ballad vocalist, made her *debut*. She sings very sweetly; her engagement, which is limited, will, however, be a success. Miss Ruth Stanley, soprano, who has been re-appointed, only for five nights, has, however, she took immensely; she is a most vivacious vocalist. We consider that Mr. Hamilton Vinter is scarcely sufficiently appreciated; he is a really careful artist and sings well, many if not all of his songs being his own compositions. He is a very popular singer. Miss Olive White, dustlifter, the Sisters Duvernoy, stars of the ballet; Mr. and Mrs. Brown, negro artists and dancers; and Mr. and Mrs. Lagan, and young Milner in their Ethiopian peculiarities; all take uncommonly well. The concert was a very successful one, and the proceeds for the great support received. Several first-class additions will be made on Monday. Cannot something be done to prevent the disturbance and annoyance in the gallery? On Monday night some most offensive persons came from that part of the hall, which is reserved for the ladies, and they were very noisy. It is a pity that the ladies should be so treated.

VICTORIA MUSIC HALL.—The company and attendance continue good. We notice several fresh additions of character and quality. Miss Burns, soprano; Mr. Somers, comic; Miss L. Sanders, comic, and danseuse; Mrs. Somers, ballad; Mr. P. Foster, comic; and Miss G. Howard, contralto. These artistes take well.

GRANGER MUSIC HALL.—The following company is performing. Miss Ada Balfe, ballad; Mr. V. Liston, comic; Miss Vincent, soprano; Miss Purvis, serio-comic; Miss Franklin, danseuse; and Mr. Sinclair. No effort is spared to give the public satisfaction.

LUCIETTE BROWN, NELSON-STREET.—"A Night with Great Actors"—Such was the title of one of the most successful dramatic festival which was given at the Lyceum Theatre last night. The programme was attractive in the highest sense, and the various tragic and comic sketches created great applause. It is a difficult task for one gentleman, no matter how extraordinary his merits, to carry his audience through a long evening of dramatic sketches, and the successful demonstration of fatigue. Mr. Jones, although a complete stranger to a Newcastle audience, however did this, which feat alone almost explains the whole. The first part embraced selections from *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *King Lear*, and *Richard III.* The last three English actors being mimicked in turn, and with rare effect. The whole concluded with the fall of Wolsey, from "Henry VIII." The performance was a very meritorious one indeed, and fully justified the title. Jones was in excellent competition with amusing alterations, which were given since last night.

OLDHAM.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Miss Seman took her benefit last Friday evening, and appeared as Ruy Blas; and as Daborna, the Jewish Wanderer. Shakespeare's romantic play of "The Tempest" was produced on Monday with new scenery, dresses, and appointments. Miss Julia St. George is expressly engaged for the part of Ariel—a character in which she is well qualified to excel. Dolan makes a very good Prospero; his steady and inflexible voice is well adapted for the character. Mr. Chas. Rice, though out of his line as Caliban, plays the character well. Mr. A. Pearson was good as Ferdinand; and Miss Bella Mortimer was a pleasing Miranda. The whole piece is well played, and the audience were well pleased. The "Quiet Family" have been the spectators during the week; Mr. Rice has appeared in both pieces.

PAIGNTON.—Mr. Chas. Fowler gave a pianoforte recital at the new Subscription-room, Paignton, on Friday evening last. The performance was very successful, and the audience, small and gay, was well pleased with the selection of all present. Mr. Fowler, as usual, sang triumphantly, both as a composer and a pianist. His "Ode to the Cuckoo" was as successful here as in London in the summer, when sung by Miss E. Campbell, and he repeated last month by Miss Bailey. The latter vocalist also sang it on this occasion, to the accompaniment of the composer on the piano, and Mr. Rice on the violin. Mr. Fowler's piano solos were his "Second Tarantelle," Fungalmigi's "A te cara," a grand waltz on national melodies, by Mr. Fowler, and a "Nocturne" by Chopin. The latter was particularly well received with the greatest enthusiasm, and on being called upon to repeat it Mr. Fowler gave another piece equally brilliant and exciting. Miss Bailey, as vocalist, and Mr. Rice as violinist and conductor at the pianoforte of the songs, afforded valuable assistance, and were warmly applauded.

PLYMOUTH.—That can hardly be called a "new entertainment" which has been given almost incessantly for some time past at Plymouth, a small town in the north-west of England. Yet, Mr. Woodin, who stages the performances, were presented on Monday night at the Assembly-rooms, Plymouth, before a numerous and well-pleased audience, under the title of the "Eloquence of the Future," and "The Bachelor's Box." It was a very successful evening's play. Mr. Woodin visited Plymouth with his "Olio of Oddities," the "new" entertainment of that day. Those who have watched Mr. Woodin in his every character from that day to this can perceive in him but little change, an still less deterioration in his most popular and successful characters. One of his first in one respect, that more difficult to invent, second or third or fourth set of characters for delineation than a first set. If the present entertainment and old patrons has lost something of the charm and novelty and of the spiritfulness of youth, it has gained in the recommendation of age. The second and third and fourth another batch of characters are produced, totally distinct from their predecessors, and yet all vividly true to the life. To attempt a critical analysis or full description of the entertainment were a waste of words, as the audience are all of a natural life-like type, and the audience is so perfectly absolutely as to which is best. Mr. Woodin makes friends with his audiences, and places them with the manners of a true gentleman, delights them by introducing to their notice a multitude of personages, the counterparts of whom all have met, and last not least, they have measure by his marvellous color and doc-

PORTSMOUTH.—On Monday night last another Byronic burlesque was produced, entitled "La Sonambula; or, the Musical Mystery of the Moonlight." The plot is a trifle musty, and Alesio, the hero, with admirable efficiency and quite pleased and happy more by the arch and pointed delivery of the parodies on Bellini's beautiful melodies. Without individuality Miss Griffiths possesses genuine talent, which she knows how to use to the greatest possible advantage, besides giving a really good personation of higher class Italian characters in the lyrical stamp.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC HALL.—Miss Caroline Julian, characteristic; Miss Aldridge, ballad; Master Benion, nigger; Jerry Wood, Irish singer and piper; Mr. Halliday, Mr. Corke, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. Stimson, comic duettists, complete the force at Bezeley.

STOCKPORT.
GRAND CONCERT HALL (Sole Manager, Mr. Edward Lyons).—Over-
flowing audiences continue to reward this well-known tenor's manage-

ment, and crowds nightly are unable to find standing room inside the saloon. The present *corps* comprises Miss Phillips, characteristic; Miss Lonsdale, ballad; Mrs. and Mrs. Phillips, duettists; Redmond the operabender; Mr. Bowker, comedian; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, and little Marsh, "darkey"; the Brierley's black burlesque band; Mr. E. Lyons, tenor; and Mr. Thomas Lovett, the laughter loving Irish ambassador, the redoubtable and famous night-club man, the Chibira Negro.

NEW THEATRE.—At the Staying Petty Sessions last week James M'Kinley, of the Bridge Inn, Alford Heycolds, proprietor of the "Empire," and W. J. M'Kinley, stage manager, were summoned to appear before the Collyer B. J. and "Lady of Lyons" in an unlicensed place of amusement. There was no representation similar to that of the Gillingham Theatre in Whitechapel-road, London, conducted by M'Kinley, who was fined £20 and 12s. 6d. costs, in default three months' imprisonment; Reynolds £2 and 13s. 6d. costs and M'Kinley discharged with a caution.

STOCKTON.
MUSIC HALL.—Mr. George Hanley, of Braham and Harley's Star Company, at present performing in the Theatre Royal, Durham, intends to open the large room belonging to the Shoulder of Mutton Inn, as a music hall, on the 20th inst. If past performances are any criterion to predict for the lovers of amusement in our town, a treat of the highest order, and feel sure that the brilliant success achieved in the cathedral city will lack none of its lustre in Stockton.

SUNDERLAND.
NEW MUSIC HALL.—This popular place of amusement is nightly
 rounded to witness the entertainment of Mr. E. D. Davis, Irish comedian
 and ventriloquist. His entertainment with his two figures, Tommy and
 they bring down roars of laughter, and we are of opinion that it is
 is without doubt the most amusing, and refined Irish comedian we have
 heard at this hall. Mr. Louis Lindsey is quite at home in his business
 "donkey life." The Albert Family—Mr. Laroche, Miss Clayton, Miss
 Kirkland, and Mr. Baxter—continue to amuse. We must give great
 praise to the excellent band.

SHEFFIELD.

THEATRE ROYAL.—On Friday, under the patronage of the Hon. J. Stuart Wortley and the officers of the West York Yeomanry Cavalry, were produced "To the Kail," "Heads and Tails," and "The Merry Wives of Windsor." Sacred dramatics were not the order of the evening. Mrs. Delacour, with grace and spirit, Mr. J. H. Delafield, a native Bristol manufacturer, was everything that could be desired. The latter, in the character of the Duke of Norfolk, was a perfect model of elegance and refinement in the company. In "Heads and Tails," Mr. J. H. Delafield had the whole of the comic interest to support, and admirably did he carry it through, with natural ease and gentlemanly deportment, together with a fluency of utterance, seldom witnessed in a provincial theatre. Miss Fanny Delafield, in the character of the Duchess of Devonshire, was equally graceful and ready. Our established favourite, Mr. Harvey, was, as usual, excellent. The band of the regiment played between the pieces, and the theatre was crowded. "Cartouche," "Belphégor," "Whitfield's," and "The Duke of Norfolk," have composed the various bills of the last week. Business—average.

THEATRE ROYAL.—On Friday, Mr. C. Pierce as the Executioner, played to their accustomed skill and efficiency. Miss Chapman was an admirable representative of the much-wronged Catherine. The splendidly costumed and superbly acted "The Duke of Norfolk," Miss Kate Saville, Mrs. Drayton as Winifred, Miss Norman as the princess, Miss Thommassin as Dame Kennedy, and Miss Charles as the Page, were all seen to advantage. The last-named lady is a very young, young actress. In Guy Rux's Mr. Revere appeared as Sir John Revere, and in the character of the Duke of Devonshire. The rendering of the part it is scarcely possible to conceive. It was an excellent performance, and evidently much appreciated by the audience, who almost screamed with laughter. On Tuesday "Catherine" was again the order of the evening. On Friday this evening, on Wednesday and Thursday the beautiful drama of "Lucille" was represented. The vacuum between the acts and pieces is agreeably filled each evening by the delightful performances of the band, which, under the experienced direction of Mr. J. H. Delafield, is most efficient, and well adapted to the occasion. On Friday this evening, the excellent actor, our new low comedian, makes his first appearance. Toby Winkie, in "All that Glitters," is the part selected for him to make his debut in. Several attractive novelties are announced for next

POPULAR READINGS.—These continue to be a great success, which must be attributed mainly to the indefatigable exertions of the manager, Mr. George Teylor. We intend noticing these readings more fully in the future.

Box Brown.—This coloured individual, who announces himself as the Prince of Mesmerists, will visit us shortly for the purpose of illustrating the science (?) of electro-biologo. No doubt he will be well supported by those who wish to be enlightened upon this very questionable science.

SWANSEA. Mr. Wybert Reeve) —We have nothing of especial interest to report in connection with this season's theatricals. The company's greatest and most fashionable success was when the attendance was large and influential. "The Lady of Lyons" and "The Bonnie Fishwife" were played. Mr. Reeve was a gentlemanly Claude and Miss F. Chapman a lady-like Pauline. Both were well supported by the other players. The Bouquet was a very good one, and the Glee Club, of which Mr. G. Morgan was a very masterly performer. Mr. Drayton appeared as the Bonnie Fishwife, and sang the various songs incidental to the part, with considerable success. The first and second acts of "Rob Roy" were performed, and Catherine Howard" and "Guy Fawkes" constituted the bill of fare. Monday, and attracted one of the largest audiences of the present season. The company were well received, and the evening's entertainment sustained the parts of Ethelred and Guido Fawkes carefully and well, and was honoured with a call at the conclusion of the first piece. Mr. Drayton is a decidedly good actor. He has an excellent appearance, and is, as is evident, a well up in his line. The success of the tragedy, "Murell's Fall," with Mr. V. H. M. as Cranmer, and Miss H. H. as

WEST BROMWICH.

ROYAL CROSS GUESS SALOON.—Our Staffordshire Wakes came off on Monday and Tuesday last, and the preceding day being 'Gay Faux' celebration, the shops were closed early, and this Hall well filled by a large auditory. Mr. McCarthy's 'Jolly Party,' six in number, are engaged for over two months more, a proof of their efficiency and popularity as a character singer and actresses. Mrs. McCarthy (late A. Cooper) carries the palm of merit, and the versatility of the manager, McCarthy, contributes to render their entertainment truly interesting and novel.

COBB EXCHANGE.—Loveday's English Opera Company commences

ALHAMBRA HALL (Proprietor, Mr. N. Webster).—In this quiet town, celebrated as the scene of Olive Goldsmith's poor "Vicar's Store," there ensues a dearth of entertainments, only partly culled by Mr. Webster's endeavours, Misses Saulan, balladist; Master Johnny Day, the infant champion pedestrian, of Australia; Mr. Kidore, comic; Mr. J. J. Webb, orator; Misses Webb, characteristic; and Mr. How Harcourt, the coloured comic orator and vocalist, comprise the existing array of talent.

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COURSING.

FIXTURES FOR 1865.

Brindisi beat Leonora, Miss Peggy beat Grand Inquisitor
Bachelors beat Bostwain, Toscin (a bye)
Brindisi beat Bachelors, Miss Peggy (a bye), Toscin (killed)
IV.
Lord Binning's Brindisi beat Mr. Jardine's Miss Peggy, and won.
UFFINGTON STAKES; winner £60, second £18, third and fourth, £5 each.
I.
Mr. Green beat w b Gaudy, by Perhaps—Gazelle, beat Capt. Ashton's r d Kill or Cure, by Hector—Nottle
Lord Craven's d Concession, by Effort—Roundshot, beat Mr. Russell's b d Batapan, by Patricia—Romping Girl
Mr. Booth's d r d Bright Eye, by David—Britannia, beat Mr. Clementson's d Cricketer, by Little Wonder—Afternoon
Mr. G. A. Thompson's The Queen of Trumps, by Ticket-of-Leave—Touchwood, beat Lord Grey de Wilton's r d Gamester, by Gabriel—Gawdoo
C.
Mr. C. Horrie's w b d Highland Chief, by Coocoran—Mary Morton, beat Mr. J. Butterworth's b k Beasie Bell, by Crosswell—Promised Land
Lord Binning's d d Blondelle, by Picton—Blaze, beat Mr. Racer's n Bright Light, by Skyrocket—Lapping
Mr. Bateman's w b k Lina, by Sea Foam—Ada, beat Mr. Jardine's Lamerick, by Canarado—Holiday
Mr. Bland's b k d Brother John, by David—Bollo of the Village, beat Mr. Trinder's r d Nidelyon, by David—Lilla

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SHOOTING.

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RIOTER AND BESS.—Mr. James Holden, White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester, is in possession of £5 each, on account of the match, to run 11 out of 21 courses, for £20, next Monday. The first rabbit to be dropped at two o'clock, and the final deposit made at one o'clock, when the animals engaged are to be weighed.

MANCHESTER.

COPENHAGEN SOUNDS.—John Darbyshire (Haigh), and Robert Atherton (Standish), met here on Monday last, to shoot at thirty-one sparrows each, 1½ oz shot, 16 yds rise and 60 fall, for £20 a side. The weather was beautifully fine, and upwards of three hundred persons were present within the enclosure. Atherton was mostly fancied, odds of 5 to 4 being freely laid on him, but the non-favourite won, declared the winner, as the following score will show.—Darbyshire, 21. Atherton, 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1. Total, 18. Mr. Thomas Hayes filled the double office of stakeholder and referee.

HYDE PARK GROUND, SHEFFIELD.

PIGEON SHOOTING HANDICAP.—On Monday a moderate company attended to witness this contest. There were no less than twenty-seven competitors, the entrance fee being 5s. Mr. Haigh, the proprietor, gave £10 on the usual conditions, viz.: 1½ oz. of shot, 60 yards boundary, and five birds each. The following was the result:—

Name.	Yds. riso.	Gun.	Total.
Jim Gregory	20	Single	1 0 0 0 -1
F. Bullock	18	Double	1 0 1 -2
J. Chapman	17	Double	1 0 1 -2
Osborne Shaw	17	Double	0 1 0 -1
W. Darley	17	Double	0 1 1 -2
Ridsdale	17	Double	1 1 0 -2
Joe Vickers	19	Single	1 1 1 0 -1
Joe Gregory	17	Single	1 1 0 -1
G. Roothery	17	Double	0 1 0 -1
Baggett	19	Single	1 1 1 1 1-5
Hancock	18	Double	1 1 1 1 0-4
Hough	21	Single	0 0 0 -0
Hill	19	Double	0 0 0 -0
G. Fash	17	Single	0 1 0 0 -1
Haigh	21	Single	1 1 0 -2
Jackson	18	Single	0 0 1 -1
Morton	19	Double	0 0 0 -0
H. B. Jones	19	Double	1 1 1 1 1-5
F. Jones	17	Single	1 0 0 0 -1
C. Wallow	18	Single	1 1 1 0 -3
L. Dugworth	18	Double	1 1 1 0 -0
G. Wallow	18	Double	1 1 1 0 -0
E. Dyson	20	Single	1 1 0 -2
Mick Gregory	18	Single	1 1 1 1 1-5
Scholes	18	Single	1 0 1 -2
Wood	18	Double	1 0 1 -2
Foulkes	18	Double	1 1 1 0 -3

Messrs. Baggett, Barker, and Mick Gregory killed five each and divided the money. Mr. W. Bailey, charger and referee.

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Notwithstanding the fact of a rival gathering at Deepfields, near Wolverhampton, a large number of visitors were on Monday attracted to this favorite rendezvous by the announcement of a monster pigeon shooting handicap. Sport commenced shortly after two o'clock, and the following conditions had been made out by the business of the day commenced. For the first half six sweepstakes eleven entered, on the following conditions: Three birds each, 21 yards rise, the field, the boundary, (low shot); double gun (low shot), and allowed two yards.

Score:—				
W. J. Dillington	1	0	7 W. News	0
J. Spittle	1	1	8 J. Haddock	0
M. S.	1	1	9 W. News, 21 tht 1	0
W. Wesley	0	0	10 J. Chambers	1
J. Harding	1	1	11 T. Brown	1

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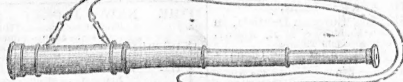
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